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**A PERSONAL NOTE:** I saw Hugh James in a health care facility in Madison, CT. He would like to hear from you. His address is Hugh James (McIlrevey), Harborside Health Care, Madison House, 34 Wildwood Ave., Madison, CT 06443...I just found out from Linda, Phil's wife, that Phil Evans died in July. Phil was a jazz enthusiast and wrote four definitive biographies (Bix Beiderbecke; Frank Trumbauer; Red Nichols and Al Jolson). You can write to Linda if you wish at Box 10507, Bakersfield, CA 93389. I still have some copies of Bix; The Leon Bix Beiderbecke Story by Philip and Linda Evans for \$35 plus \$4 P&H. It is 600 pages and leaves nothing out.

**REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY:** Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The Third Supplement to the Revised Ultimate History is available for \$4.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. Supplement #1, 2 and 3 are \$15 plus \$2.00 P&H. #2 and 3 are \$11.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. The complete book including all 3 supplements is \$58 plus \$4 P&H.

The Third Supplement of the Necrology is also available for \$2.00. The complete Necrology is \$14.00 which includes all three supplements.

**CONVENTION 2000:** The dates are October 19 - 22. More details later.

**CONVENTION 1999:** Convention Booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. FOTR Chip clips which we gave out to all registrants are available for \$1.55 including P&H.

Video and Audio cassettes of the 24th Annual FOTR Convention are available from AVPRO. Price of 3 videos and 5 audio cassettes is \$60. Individual videos are \$20 each and the 6 audio cassettes package is \$20. Individual cassettes are separately priced at \$20 each. Prices include shipping.

AVPRO, Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-332-8776) FAX 909-244-0022  
<avpro@cosmoaccess.net>

**PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED:** Aircheck, Vol 9 #3; Highlights of showcase V11...SPERDVAC Radiogram, Sep; More on Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy by Martin Grams...Oct; Third installment of Charlie McCarthy Log by Martin Grams, Jr...Nov; article about Orson Welles...RCA Newsletter, Sep; article about Lum and Abner...Oct; article about Dragnet...Nov; article about War of the Worlds...On the Air, Sep - Oct; article about soap operas...Illustrated Press, Sep; article about Truth or Consequences...Oct. articles about Saturday morning heroes; Break the Bank; Wartime plays of Norman Corwin...Nov; articles about Stop the Music; Sports Programs over radio...Chattanooga Airwaves, Sep - Oct; article about programs that went from radio to television...Jot 'em Down Journal, Oct; articles about Onie Cates...Return With us Now, Oct; articles about Art Gilmore; Lum and Abner...Nov; article about the recent REPS Convention...Old Time Radio Digest, Summer; articles about Nero Wolfe; Private Eyes...Galaxy Patrol Fan Club Space-O-Gram, Oct; articles on Captain video...Radio Recall, Oct; articles about Electrical Transcriptions...Tape Squeal, Summer; article about OTR for the Digital Age...RLL On the Air, Sep; Articles about Frank Lovejoy and Joan Banks; Tom Mix...Tradition, Sep - Oct; articles about Jean Shepard (country singer); Bill Hill; George Hay; Bradley Kincaid by Bill Knowlton...The Times of Kate Smith, Fall; A new Kate Smith CD is available for \$14. Send to Richard Hayes, Box 3575, Cranston, RI 02910.. NARA News, Fall; articles about NBC Chimes; Anonymity of Radio Actors; Grandpa Jones; Rationing during WW II; Radio Traitors of WW II; Radio and the Comics; Truth or Consequences...Nostalgia Digest, Dec - Jan; articles about Burns and Allen; Favorite Christmas Shows; Bogie and Bacall; Chicago Radio; Sound Makers; Suspense Showstoppers; The Cinnamon Bear; Pearl Harbor Week on Radio; Tallulah Bankhead.

Midwest Radio Theater Workshop Journal, c/o Sue Zizza, 115 Dikeman St., Hempstead, NY 11551; summer; The 20th Anniversary of the Midwest Radio Theater workshop is June 5 - 10, 2000 at William Woods Univ., Fulton, MO. Membership in the organization is \$25 a year. For more information contact Sue at 516-483-8321 <Sue-Medial@aol.com> The MWRT is involved with contemporary American Radio Drama. Article in this issue: A Short History of Contemporary American Radio Drama. They also have a Script competition. It is too late for this year's. I will keep you apprised of next year.

**BOOKS:** Greenwood Publishing Group (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 79 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...Radio's Golden Years by Frank Bresee and Bobb Lynes is now in its revised 2nd edition. The 264-page book is \$25 postpaid. Send for your autographed copy to Bobb Lynes, Box 561, So. Pasadena, CA 91031. Bobb will also have a 2000 OTR Calendar. The cost will be \$8, 2 for \$15...Airwaves by William O'Shaughnessy is a collection of radio editorials about many "Giants" given by O'Shaughnessy at his Station, WVOX in New Rochelle, NY. Published by Fordham Univ. Press, it is \$25 for this 400-page book. Either call 718-817-4780 or stop in your nearest bookstore

### CONVENTIONS:

**16th Annual SPERDVAC Convention**, Nov 12 - 14 at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Los Angeles Int. Airport; For information contact Larry Gassman, Box 1163, Whittier, CA 90603 (562) 947-9800.  
**2000 edition of the Williamsburg Film Festival.** It's Feb. 24-26 in Williamsburg, VA at the Holiday Inn - Patriot. Major stars this year will include Gale Storm, Joseph Campanella, Harry Carey, Jr., and Johnny Western. The person to contact is Cindy Peery at 1-757-566-1855.  
**14th Annual OTR and Nostalgia Convention**, Apr 28 - 29 at the Radisson Hotel in Cincinnati. Contact Bob Burchett, 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042 (606) 282-0333  
**11th Annual Radio Classics Live**, May 5 - 6 at Massasoit Community College, Brockton, MA. contact Bob Bowers, Massasoit Coll. college, 1 Massasoit Blvd., Brockton, MA 02302 (508-588-9100 (Ext 1906)  
**20th Anniversary of the Midwest Radio Theater Workshop**, June 5 - 10, 2000 at William Woods Univ., Fulton, MO. For information contact Sue Zizza, 115 Dikeman St., Hempstead, NY 11551 (516) 483-8321  
**16th Annual Lum and Abner Convention** June 26 - 27, 2000 in Mena, Arkansas at the Best Western Lime Tree Inn. For information contact Tim Hollis, 81 Sharon Blvd., Dora, AL 35062 (205) 648-6110  
**REPS Radio Showcase V111**, June 26 - 27, 2000 at the Seattle Center, Seattle Washington. Contact Mike Sprague, Box 723, Bothell, WA 98041 (425) 488-9518  
**25th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival**, Aug 28 - Sep 3, 2000 at Pottawattamie Country Fairgrounds in Avoca, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 438, Walnut, IA 51577 (712) 762-4363.  
**25th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention**, Oct 19 - 22 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>  
**18th Annual SPERDVAC Convention**, Nov 10 - 12 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, LA. More details later.

### ORGANIZATIONS:

The WJZ Radio Project has placed the first of several "lost" Fred Allen shows on its web site at <http://members.aol.com/wjzradio>. The complete first show of "The Belmont Is On The Air" is available for downloading/playing in Real Audio format. Fred Allen wrote and performed in these shows during 1948 and 1949 while vacationing at the Belmont Hotel in Harwich, Massachusetts, on Cape Cod. The only public presentation of these shows since then was several years ago at the Friends of Old-Time Radio convention.

The booklet, "Treadmill To Oblivion," explaining the origin of these shows and full written transcripts of all known shows, is still available for \$5 by writing to Tim Coco at 71 Primrose Street, Haverhill, MA 01830.

The WJZ Radio Project was founded in 1975 as part of Revival of Creative Radio (RCR).

If you are in Connecticut, visit the Vintage Radio and Communications Museum of Connecticut, 711 Main St., East Hartford. For information and hours call 860-675-9916

**THE INTERNET:** Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. A list was started in November of 1995. A complete alphabetical list can be obtained by sending me a SASE. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@lofcom.com>...To get on Charlie Summers Old Radio Mailing list email <oldradio-request@lofcom.com>: Charlie's mailing list is a moderated one dedicated to Old Radio between the 1920's and the end of 1962. New Members include: Don Ramlow (change) <pulpsofr@wmis.net>...Lora Palmer <Lorapalmer@webtv.net>...Joan Leonard <Jolce@intac.com>...Chuck Matteson (Change) <ccm@incontrolsystems.com>

**WEB SITES:** Various OTR Web sites will be posted. All begin with <<http://www.>> Let me know what yours is: Lou Genco (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney) <old-time.com>...Jim Widner <otr.com> (Radio Days)...Metro Golden Memories <mgmemo-ries.com>... BRC (Bob Burnham) <brcradio.com/>...Ted Kneebone <otrsite.com/kneebone>...Jerry Haendiges <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>...John Cooper <angelfire.com/vv/otrmagic/index.html> ...Australian Film and Sound <Screensound.gov.au>

**LOGS:** Charlie Laughlin, Arlene Osborne and Al Hublin have put together a Boston Blackie log. It

details in chronological order all the shows in circulation. I am making it available for \$3 including P&H

**CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS** (All addresses first): McCoy's Recording (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA99352...Jerry Haendiges, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com> ...Roger Hill's "Nothing's New" #23 Bayhill Shopping Center, San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063...Vintage Broadcasts (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305 (1-800-418-1445)...Radio Memories (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465...Great American Radio (GAR) (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...Rainy Day Books, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448...Metro Golden Memories, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)...AVPRO (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...Radio Spirits, Box 2141, Schiller Park, IL 60176...Redmond Nostalgia Co. (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA98073...SPERDVAC Library (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA91409)...Travis Conner, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229 <connertm@cinternet.net>...John Barber, 1318 Dauphine St., New Orleans, LA 70116...Vintage Audio (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin2@compuserve.com>...John Cooper Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 <Mysto99@aol.com>...Gordon Payton (The SciFi Guy), #114 E Cuthbert Blvd., Westmont, NJ 08108 <thescifiguy@juno.com>...Satellite Video Production (Fred Berney) Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net>

**All listings below list sampling of shows.** Great American Radio (Sep-Oct) Theater Five; Couple Next Door; Lux Radio Theater; Stars Over Hollywood...(Nov) The Hunchback of Notre Dame; PROBE; D-Day Invasion John Barber; Has rare Shadow Comic Books for sale for \$16 each...John also wrote an original Lum and Abner script. It is 11 pages and will sell it for \$10...Vintage Broadcasts (Sep) This is Your FBI; Have Gun Will Travel; Radio City Playhouse.. Oct; Black Mass; Hop Harrigan...Nothings New, Sep; Many new (old) movies on video.. Satellite Video Productions: Fred has a wide variety of shows on audio cassettes of CD-Rom... Metro Golden Memories #7. A wide variety of shows...The Big Time (1951) is now available from Tom Kleinschmidt, 12 Patton Dr., Ewing, NJ <tomkle@njcc.com>. He got it from Michael Muderick who discovered some old reels of shows at a sale.

**NEW ADDRESSES:** Garry Papers, Box 335399, No. Las Vegas, NV 89033

**NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES:** Don Ellis, 13 Berkeley Rd., Framingham, MA 01701...Chuck Frisch, 2141 E 14th St., Long Beach, CA 90804 would like to sell shows and would like to hear from anyone holding copyrights for radio shows for permission...Frank Tormey, 58 West Pierrepoint Ave., Rutherford, NJ 07070...Ron Wultz, Box 6368, New York, NY 10128...Tom Stemmler, 184 Richards Ave., Piscataway, NJ 08854...Bill Guggenheim, 380 New Waterford Pl., Longwood, FL 32779. Bill only collects Archie Andrews and has 39. He is looking for more.

**OLD FRIENDS:** Durell Roth, 902 Youpon Valley Rd., Austin, TX 78746 <roth@omr.com> is looking for the Lone Ranger show titled "Western Union" and/or any other LR show having sound of a telegraph...Dean Case, 731 Bruce St., Fond du Lac, WI 54935 offers free reels of OTR if you put them on cassette for him...Charles Michelson, 9350 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA (310) 278-4545 is trying to find a copy of quick as a Flash. He will pay up to \$100 for a copy in playable condition

**IN FOND MEMORY:** Sandra Gould; Jul 20, 73; Duffy's Tavern, (TV) Bewitched.. Ruth Roman, Sep 9, 75; Actress (Several Lux)...Charles Flynn, Sep 29; Radio actor in Jack Armstrong...Benney Kalama, Sep 21, 83; Musical director for Hawaii Calls...Tony Miller, Sep 12, 72; Actor, Writer (Superman, Aldrich Family)...Frances Lafferty, Sep 15, 79; Radio Actress (Mr. District Attorney, Marriage For Two)...Jean Shepherd, Oct 16, 78; radio humorist and raconteur...Walter Stone, Oct 20, 79; writer (Robert Q Lewis) and Jackie Gleason on television...Frank LeVois, Oct 27, 86; Conductor on many radio shows...Elia Mae Morse, Oct 16, 75; singer...Jim Jenson, Oct 16, 73; radio and television newscaster (WCBS-TV)...Charles (Bud) Dant, Oct 31, 92; Musical director (Dennis Day)...Abraham Polonsky, Oct 26, 88; Writer including for radio...Donald Mills, Nov 13, 84; last remaining Mills Brother...Dallas Bower, Oct 18, 92; TV producer. also did sound recordings on radio...Felix Galimir, Nov 10, 89; First violinist of NBC Symphony Orchestra from 1939 to 1954.

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Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

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